

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board
Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL)
Louisville, Kentucky
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Budget. In mid-January, Governor Beshear's budget recommended a 7.8% for most state agencies. KYVL, as part of the KY Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), is taking that cut starting now and going into the new fiscal year.

Later in January, CPE President Robert King presented on "Postsecondary Education and CPE Budget Update" to the House A&R Budget Review Subcommittee. In that presentation, the mid-year cut was referenced on page 31, on the slide regarding the KY Postsecondary Education Network, Kentucky Virtual Campus, Kentucky Virtual Library:

"Executive Budget Proposed

**Additional 7.8% reduction.*

**Cumulative budget cut of 39% (\$2.8 million) since enacted FY08" where that \$2.8m is from the statewide technology operations, ie. KYVC/KYVL, of CPE.*

As of today, that cut is equivalent to about \$63,000.

Leadership Team. The LT meets for a day at KYVL each month to work on moving the KYVL strategic plan forward. In the January and February meetings and activities, the Leadership Team did the following work:

- Revisited Infrastructure Work Group; revised into Voyager Consortium Work Group, Next Generation Work Group, and Access and Authentication Work Group; drafted charges.
- Reviewed Marketing Work Group talking points and press release.
- Reviewed and approved proposed funding formula from the Funding Work Group.

At the March meeting, the Leadership Team will:

- Complete transition of existing work groups into the new structure, including dissolving some and updating charges for others.
- Address performance indicators set during the strategic planning process.

Funding Workgroup. The group met several times this winter, working on the new formula for the KYVL member assessment for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

- Final proposal for funding formula was sent to the Leadership Team for review and was approved.
- Began discussion of funding model for Voyager hosting and other "pay to play" services
- Prepared talking points to use in conjunction with new funding formula.

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- KYVL will be sending out FY2012-13 assessments this month.

Marketing Workgroup. The group met several times this winter, either in person or via conference calls. List of actions taken/issues of concern:

- Members completed refining the talking points about KYVL's funding needs, and presented the final product to the Leadership/Alliance Teams.
- Members divided into sub-committees (Educators, Students, Librarians and Leadership) to discuss actions and contact with legislators in regards to the funding request from CPE which includes continued support KYVL.
- Sub-committees reported on suggested legislative actions for their group:
 - 1) Educators sub-committee did not want to ask educators to contact legislators at this time because there is a large group of them who are not familiar with what KYVL is/does yet.
 - 2) Students sub-committee created a short, easy form for students to fill out stating that they use KYVL, along with some facts about KYVL student usage, to send to their legislator(s). The form was posted on the KYAC and school media specialists listservs.
 - 3) Librarians sub-committee suggested an urgent message and very brief talking points to ask librarians to contact their legislators to request funding for CPE to support KYVL. The message and talking points were posted on the BTOP listserv and the Kentucky library directors' listserv.
 - 4) Leadership sub-committee – no one from this sub-committee was on the conference call to report in.

Training Workgroup. In response to feedback from Leadership Team to create a structure/system/process/plan for training that KYVL will be able to use into the future, the team broke into three groups. The three subgroups will create separate processes for Training, Trainers and Trainees.

Voyager Consortium. KYVL supports a shared integrated library system that is used by the postsecondary academic libraries, KDLA, the Kentucky History Center, some private colleges and other organizations, nineteen in all. The consortium databases moved in December to the Ex Libris hosting facility to achieve the benefits of a SaaS [software as a service] model. A byproduct of the move is a modest cost savings. The University of Louisville and University of Kentucky IT departments had hosted the consortium on two servers, with participants' data files split geographically between the two sites.

Respectfully submitted,
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